

### **III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On Page 2, Paragraph 2:

A pneumatic tire of the present invention for achieving the foregoing object is a pneumatic tire provided with a plurality of main grooves extended in a tire circumferential direction on a tread surface, characterized in that, with regard to some of the main grooves among the foregoing plurality of main grooves whose groove width is widened during inflation, a groove wall near the shoulder is inclined outward in a tire width direction toward a groove bottom, and a thin rib protruding from the groove bottom along the groove wall near the shoulder is provided. The groove includes a generally U-shaped portion and a narrow groove portion. The thin rib has a generally trapezoidal shape.